

held no later than four weeks before the degree is conferred.

The director of the PhD-ThD Programs or designee presides at the defense and the executive session without voting. Questions at the oral defense concentrate on the dissertation and its area of investigation. The questions are designed to test the candidate's ability to defend the concepts and data of the dissertation and to examine significant related material. The candidate should demonstrate an understanding of the larger context in which his/her dissertation lies. Normally, two hours are scheduled for the oral defense. Committee members read the dissertation and bring written questions to the examination. As the examination process progresses, other questions may arise.

To pass the oral defense, candidates must receive a vote of approval from at least four of the five examiners. The committee votes in one of the following ways:

1. Acceptance of the dissertation as presented
2. Acceptance of the dissertation subject to minor revisions
3. Acceptance of the dissertation subject to major revisions
4. Rejection of the dissertation.

After a successful defense, the director of the PhD-ThD Programs recommends to the dean of the Theological Seminary and the dean of the School of Graduate Studies that the PhD degree be conferred on the candidate. The Seminary dean in turn presents the candidate's name to the Seminary faculty for approval.

When a dissertation is accepted with the proviso that minor or major revisions be made, the student's adviser supervises the revision. As soon as the chair finds revision to be satisfactory, he/she recommends the candidate to the director of the PhD-ThD Programs for the conferral of the degree. Then the steps prescribed in the paragraph above are followed. Normally, rejection of a dissertation terminates the student's doctoral candidacy, but the PhD-ThD Committee may consider whether to allow him/her to prepare and submit another dissertation and what specific requirements would apply (including possible further course work and additional comprehensive examinations).

**After the defense.** After the defense

- The student makes all corrections.
- As soon as possible, but no later than two weeks before graduation, the student submits a complete corrected copy of the dissertation to the School of Graduate Studies via the dissertation secretary for approval to duplicate. At that time any changes made after the defense should be pointed out.
- After the dissertation secretary gives approval to duplicate, the student has two options:
  - Option 1.** The dissertation secretary arranges for duplicating with Andrews University LithoTech, and the student's account is billed. At this point, the dissertation secretary submits the *Notification of Dissertation Completion* form to the Records Office and the student's dissertation process is complete.
  - Option 2.** The student personally arranges for duplicating the dissertation. Doctoral students must have three unbound copies made to show to the dissertation secretary (and to receive a *Completion* form) and to deliver to the Library Director's office. An additional unbound copy must be given to the dissertation secretary to be processed for microfilming.
- The deadline for dissertations to be turned in to the Library is no later than Wednesday, a week and a half before graduation. Strict adherence to this deadline is essential or graduation is postponed.

## ThD: Doctor of Theology

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The primary purpose of advanced academic studies leading to the Doctor of Theology (ThD) degree is to provide teacher-scholars in the fields of biblical and theological studies for the Seventh-day Adventist Church—primarily its institutions of higher learning (colleges, seminaries, universities) around the world. This academic degree meets the need of individuals in areas of the world where a ThD is the preferred academic degree. The normal doctorate in religion is the PhD.

- By taking specified language courses (e.g., advanced courses in Hebrew and Greek and FREN502 and GRMN502) at Andrews

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| <b>CHMN533</b><br><i>Colloquium</i><br>Required topics are: Health Ministry; Church and Personal Finance (Stewardship), Teaching Ministry, Church Planting, Institutional/Educational Ministry, Urban Ministry. Elective colloquia on other topics may be offered periodically.  | (0.34) |
| <b>CHMN568</b><br><i>Learning in Professional Experience</i><br>Used to record credits granted for previous professional experience based on a learning portfolio and reflection paper in degree programs that provide for this option. Guidelines are available from the respective program directors.  | (1-8)  |
| <b>CHMN585</b><br><i>Cross-Cultural Communication</i><br>A study of the impact of culture on communication and the ways  | (2-3)  |